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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/533,685	Applicant(s) Hearn
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Group Art Unit 3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. William Gehris

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(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

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Date of Interview Jun 15, 2001

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

None

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Gehris requested further clarification of the rejection under 35 USC 112 to claim 1 and suggested language such as the second cutting and nipping device being "downstream of the first cutting and nipping device" to provide structural cooperation between the first and second devices. Mr. Dexter stated that such language would obviate the rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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